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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2006 in connection with the above-captioned patent application and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. The amendments made herein are presented pursuant to the requirement of Rule 121 in the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, we submit herewith a listing of claims with amendments and remarks. We also submit herewith a Transmittal Form. It is believed that no Extension(s) of Time and no

Appl. No. 10/773,593 Amdt. dated April 11, 2006 Reply to Office Action of January 11, 2006 additional fees are required for these submissions. Should any Extension(s) of Time be required,

we request that the commissioner consider this document as a Petition for the appropriate

Extension(s) of Time and that any such Extension(s) be granted.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this

paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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